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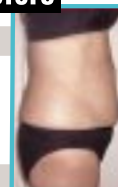
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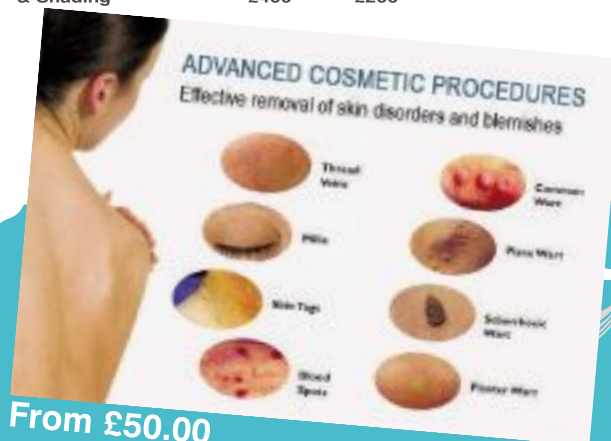
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MP: We have to teach kids to spell properly

Member of school staff is arrested

A MEMBER of staff at a school has been arrested on suspicion of abuse of a position of trust under the Sexual Offences Act.

Police are investigating a complaint made against an adult at Barnfield West Academy, in Leagrave High School, Luton.

The academy, which has pupils aged between 11-18, used to be Halyard High School until it became part of the Barnfield Federation in 2007.

The offences of 'abuse of a position of trust' prohibits sexual contact between adults and children under 18 in schools, colleges and residential care to protect vulnerable 16 and 17-year-olds.

A spokesman from Bedfordshire Police said: "We are investigating a complaint. A person has been arrested and bailed pending further police enquiries."

We asked Barnfield West Academy about the arrest but it refused to comment.

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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AN MP is investigating claims secondary school teachers have been told not to correct more than three spelling mistakes in pupils' work in case it 'damages their confidence'.

South West Bedfordshire MP Andrew Selous was contacted by a parent in his constituency who was 'shocked' when her children's work was not being corrected properly.

Mr Selous (pictured) would not confirm which school it was, only stating it was maintained by Central Bedfordshire Council and was not an academy, and saying the problem 'probably affected many schools across Bedfordshire and the rest of the country'.

He said the council was aware of his views on the issue.

The parent told him that the school's policy said: "Teaching staff are to highlight no more than three incorrect spellings in any piece of work. This is in order that a child's self-esteem is not damaged."

Mr Selous has raised the issue in Parliament where Commons Leader Sir George Young replied: "It does sound to me like political correctness taken to excess and I am sure it is in the child's interests for any spelling mistake to be put right at an early stage at school, rather than to count against them at a later stage."

Mr Selous told *Luton on Sunday*: "To me it is something that really matters."

"There are quite a large number of jobs where you have to have a certain level of spelling. Yes, we have spell-



checkers but it doesn't always pick up.

"The issue arose around a spelling test for her daughter who is in Year 7. When I read her email I was immediately concerned."

"My concern is that we are disadvantaging these children by not teaching them to spell properly. They will face massive difficulties."

"I clearly see that it is really discouraging to cover a whole paper in red pen but if that is the case then the teachers need to work alongside those students to make sure they are improving."

Central Beds Cllr Mark Versallion said: "It is up to individual schools to set their own marking policies."

"However, the council does challenge schools, if they are under-performing."

"We have recently supported a focus on pupils' literacy and numeracy at key stage two and helped schools ensure that pupils make the necessary levels of progress across years 5 and 6."



Workers hold a day of strike action

LECTURERS were some of the public sector workers who went on strike this week over proposed changes to pensions.

Staff at Dunstable College formed picket lines in Kingsway, and some

students showed their support too. Other public sector workers included border force staff at Luton Airport, while off-duty Bedfordshire Police officers marched in London.

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Pay could be cut for low attendance

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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THE council's portfolio holder for finance is to put forward a plan to reduce councillors' pay if they do not show up to enough meetings - and it's all down to Luton on Sunday.

Cllr Robin Harris (pictured) devised the idea after this paper's investigation into attendance rates showed that many councillors were failing to attend council gatherings.

After the story's publication Luton Borough Council vowed to change the way it records attendance figures after we highlighted failings in the system.

At the time eight members had attended fewer than 75 per cent of meetings.

Now Labour Cllr Harris will take a plan to full council, on July 17, which will look at taking back or reducing pay if they do not go to enough meetings.

He added that his personal



view was that the rate where potential reduction in pay came in was when attendance fell below 80 per cent.

He said: "The public have a right to expect councillors to do the job and I think it's obvious people have become more cynical about their politicians."

"We don't just want people to turn up to a meeting for money, the job is more than that."

"However, there is no getting away from the fact that attending meetings is an important part of the process; so I think it's a matter of get-

ting the balance right. At the end of the day, everybody has particular issues from time to time and those who turn up to 100 per cent of meetings deserve a pat on the back."

"I'm told there are other councils that do something similar and I think *LoS*' recent story has brought things to a head. We need to do something."

A council spokesman said: "The council is currently looking at a range of measures to enable and encourage maximum councillor attendance at committee meetings, which are an important part of the democratic process."

"The current plan is to prepare a report for the next ordinary full council meeting on July 17."

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Clarification over protest picture in *Luton on Sunday*

LAST week, in our coverage of the English Defence League march in Luton, *Luton on Sunday* published a photograph of a protester wearing an Adolf Hitler mask.

We said the protester was an EDL supporter. We would like to make it clear the protester was in fact a We Are Luton supporter.



Crime linked to bars

A VIOLENT attack linked to one Dunstable bar took place almost every two weeks.

According to figures obtained by *Luton on Sunday*, incidents of violence against the person were reported 23 times as being at Bar Chameleon (pictured above) last year - the highest amount of any of the town's licensed premises.

The most recent high-profile incident was when a transsexual was bottled on its dancefloor.

Last December, manager Matthew Goode told us he would be introducing a minimum drinks policy of £1.50 in a bid to help reduce crime. This, however, will not be introduced as not all pubs in the town agreed to it. Currently drinks can be bought on certain nights on either a '3-for-1' offer, or for £1.50 before midnight.

Owner Steve Miller said: "We sit in between everything else; food places, the taxi rank. It's a meeting place so an incident outside comes down to the nearest place which is Bar Chameleon."

"People could have been drinking anywhere else in the town where there are similar offers on and congregate here and something has happened."

"I have noticed that after the past two or three months there have been fewer incidents because there's been a higher police presence, which makes a lot of difference. Another thing we are looking to get going is banned from one; banned from all so if you are banned from one bar you can't go to any in town."

Nearby bar Cookies & Cream has had 12 reported incidents while other licensed premises in the town have fewer than six, with numerous having no reports of such an incident.

Central Bedfordshire Cllr Brian Spurr said: "The Dunstable Licensees Association will shortly be banning two persons from all licensed premises in the scheme because of violent behaviour and drug taking."

A Bedfordshire Police spokesman said: "We are in regular contact with licensees and the licensing authority to establish what more can be done to ensure that people can safely enjoy a night out in Dunstable without the fear of violence."

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Carer was 'afraid' of her killer, court told

BY JULIA SUTTON
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THE husband of a care worker stabbed to death by a resident at the home where she worked said she had been 'frightened' of her killer.

Thomas Bainbridge said Stephen Flatt had made a threat to staff at Abacus House in Princes Street, Dunstable, that one of them would 'get their comeuppance'.

His wife Kathleen, known as Kathy, had lost weight and was worried because Flatt was very aggressive, Luton Crown Court heard.

Days after telling her husband of the threat, Flatt stabbed Mrs Bainbridge, 58, to death and attacked another member of staff, Barbara Hill.

The prosecution allege Stephen Flatt, from St Albans, who had bipolar disorder, should never have been sent to the care home where staff were more used to dealing with people who had been involved in road accidents, had suffered a stroke or had problems due to alcohol or drug use.

But he was placed there by the Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust on July 18, 2007, even though it was



Kathy Bainbridge

alleged he could be aggressive and violent, had carried offensive weapons and had exhibited sexually inappropriate behaviour to women. Rex Tadd QC, for the Crown Prosecution Service, said the home was 'completely unsuitable' for Flatt. He alleged that it failed to carry out a proper risk assessment.

The Trust pleads not guilty to contravening a health and safety regulation by failing a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risk Flatt posed. It also denies failing to discharge a duty to ensure persons not in its employment



Stephen Flatt

were exposed to risks to their health and safety.

The home's owner, Chelvanayagam Menna, 58, of Periwinkle Lane, Dunstable, pleads not guilty to three charges under the Health and Safety Act that he failed to carry out a proper assessment as to the risks staff and other patients were exposed to by the arrival of Flatt.

Giving evidence, Mr Bainbridge said he and Kathy had been married for 29 years and lived in Farley Hill, Luton. They had two daughters Jennifer and Danielle.

He said she had worked in

care homes for 22 years and worked at the highest grade with a Level 4 NVQ. She had worked for Luton Borough Council for 12 years, the Westways Care Home in Dunstable for seven years and Abacus House for three years.

Mr Bainbridge, a qualified electrician, said he had worked at Abacus House himself as carer for 12 to 14 months in the 1980s or 90s.

He said in July 2007 his wife's moods had changed.

He said he told his wife to have a meeting with the owner and 'to get it sorted'.

On the day she died, Friday August 24, 2007, he said he called her mobile at work to ask her where she wanted a light fitted in their home.

He got no response and called the house driver. One of the residents answered in a frantic state saying: "You need to get here now."

He went on: "I assumed it was an electrical or plumbing problem. I was driving to Dunstable when the police called and said to get to Luton & Dunstable Hospital as 'quickly as you can'. I assumed Kathy had gone to the hospital with a resident."

The case continues.

Knife-wielding gang rob pub during the night

FOUR robbers armed with knives and a machete forced their way into a village pub and demanded that money be handed over.

A staff member at the Frog & Rhubarb pub in Church Road, Slip End, was beaten up by the gang and had cash and a mobile phone stolen at 4.40am on Friday.

The landlord was then forced to open the safe and the till before the robbers took the his mobile phone and pulled out the landline phone before leaving.

The staff member, who suffered a concussion as well as bruising during

the attack, was taken to Luton & Dunstable Hospital for treatment to his injuries which are not believed to be serious at this time.

Detective Constable Dave Brecknock said: "This attack has left the victims extremely shaken up and it is important that we identify the offenders as soon as possible to stop them from committing any further offences."

"I'd like to hear from anyone who was in Slip End at the time of the incident or anyone else who may have information – however small or insignificant they

think it is – that could help us. Don't dismiss your information as unimportant – even tiny details which don't seem relevant now might become useful later on in the investigation."

Descriptions of the robbers are limited, but they are believed to be aged between 15 and 20, dressed in dark clothing with two wearing hooded tops that were tied tight around their faces while the others wore balaclavas.

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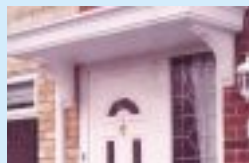
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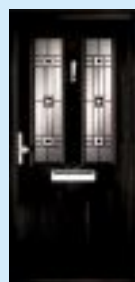
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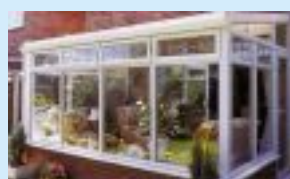
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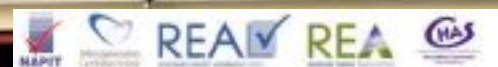


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Uncertain future for card shop staff

ALMOST 40 staff at three stores are at risk of losing their jobs as Clinton Cards has gone into administration.

The 17 workers at the card shop in The Mall Luton, and the nine at the branch in The Quadrant, Dunstable, as well as 11 people who work at the company's Birthdays subsidiary in The Mall, will continue to trade at present but some stores in the country will

need to close. The company, which was founded in 1968, went into administration on Wednesday due to 'challenging trading conditions'.

Peter Saville, joint administrator and partner at Zolfo Cooper, said: "Despite evaluating ways to restructure its business, Clintons was unfortunately unable to secure adequate support or funding for its restructuring plans. "The challenging business envi-

ronment, and in particular the increased competition for greetings cards and related products, meant that the Group required radical restructuring and administration was the last remaining option available."

Any potential closures of Clintons and Birthdays in The Mall would follow that of Game in the shopping centre in recent weeks.

Taxpayers foot £182k cost of encampments

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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TRAVELLER encampments have cost Luton Borough Council £182,000 in just in two years.

Figures obtained from the authority show that in 2009/10, £112,457 was spent on the eviction of travellers, while in 2010/11, that figure was £69,745.

These costs include the clean-up operation, bailiffs, solicitors' time and preventative actions.

As yet there are no figures available for the cost of the numerous encampments that have happened this year, including those in Stockwood Park.

Just last week, *Luton on Sunday* reported that the installation of a bollard aimed at preventing travellers gaining access to Stockwood Park had been delayed, as there were caravans residing on the site.

In comparison, Central Bedfordshire Council has paid out just £468 to third parties for work involved in clearing encampments by travellers on Suffolk Road and Southdown Road in Dunstable. A spokesman for Central Bedfordshire Council



Travellers in the car park in front of Stockwood Museum

said: "These figures relate to Central Beds-owned land with which Property and Assets has had some involvement."

"Currently this does include highways and housing land but the latter has only been in our remit since August 2011, so we have no details for any encampments on housing land prior to then."

"These figures do not include any reference to work that Planning Enforcement may have undertaken, whether on Central Beds-owned or privately owned land."

A spokesman from Luton

Borough Council said: "There are strict legal requirements that local authorities must follow in order to evict travellers from public land, and it is inevitable we will incur substantial costs to do this."

Robert Oxley, Campaign Manager of the TaxPayers Alliance said: "There is bound to be a cost when it comes to enforcing the law, but delays and blunders often add to that."

"Many residents find it disappointing that evictions can take so long."

"Taxpayers are so often the real losers in this kind of case."

A NEW director of fundraising has been appointed at an air ambulance charity.

Peter Rosenvinge has joined the East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA), which is about to undergo a massive

Peter's new role to raise cash for air ambulance

change in its operations as it gears up for night flying which will cost more than £2 million extra per year.

Mr Rosenvinge said:

"Flying helicopters at any time is expensive, but night-time missions involve a whole host of further skills and equipment. This means

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Workers on strike over pension age

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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PUBLIC sector workers including lecturers, off-duty police officers and border agency staff took part in a 24-hour UK-wide strike on Thursday, in a dispute with the Government over changes to pensions.

Lecturers from Dunstable College were among those out on the picket line.

University and College Union representative Julie Weekes, who teaches Trade Union studies at the college, said: "We are on strike to protest about the attack on our pensions."

"We're being asked to pay more into our pensions, but work longer for less pay."

"Correct me if I'm wrong but I don't remember lecturers ever being responsible for banks closing and the financial crisis, so why are we being punished?"

Border force staff at Luton Airport also went on a 24 hours strike, with the ISU - the union for borders, immigration and customs - saying their jobs are too physically demanding for staff to work past 65.

The ISU National chairman Andy Friend stated: "How can staff be expected to pursue, arrest and detain a criminal at the bor-



A scene from Thursday's strike

der in their late 60s? I urge the Cabinet Office to come back to the negotiating table and reach agreement on a retirement age of 65 for our members."

More than 200 off-duty police officers - who by law are not allowed to strike - from Bedfordshire travelled to London to join The Police Federation march to highlight concerns about the consequences of 20 percent cuts for public safety.

Speaking after the march, Sgt Crawford Gillan, chairman of Bedfordshire Police Federation, said: "We are very pleased about how many officers turned up."

"This march isn't just about changes to pensions. In the past year alone, we have lost more than 60 police officers from the

frontline and we are witnessing chief officers struggling to cope with budget cuts."

"The Government and the public need to be realistic about the outcome of severe cuts to policing; we cannot afford to compromise on public safety."

Francis Maude, Minister for the Cabinet Office, holds responsibility for the industrial relations strategy in the public sector.

He said: "The dedicated majority of public sector workers are back to working normally."

"It is very disappointing that a handful of unions insist on carrying on with futile strike action which will benefit no one. Pension talks will not be reopened and nothing further will be achieved through strike action."

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Store takings hit in day of marches

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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A NUMBER of town centre businesses have revealed they lost money by opening during last Saturday's EDL and We Are Luton marches - despite assurances it would be a 'normal shopping day'.

The town centre was kept protest-free after it was revealed that trade was lost to the tune of £1m when the EDL held a similar protest in February last year.

A manager at Store Twenty One, which was boarded up on Saturday, branded trade during the day 'horrendous'.

She said: "There were two of us working and we only took £279."

"On a normal Saturday we would take between £980 and £1,200, so we made huge losses."

"If I'm honest, it wasn't worth us opening."

A worker at VS Food and Wine, on Manchester Street, agreed and said: "We lost a lot of money."

"We opened an hour



A quiet Luton town centre on Saturday morning

later and had more staff working because we feared trouble, but it was very quiet."

"The only customers we had were police officers."

Some businesses, including Prime News on George Street, didn't open, believing it wouldn't be worth it financially.

A spokeswoman from The Mall said: "We have compared footfall to the same Bank Holiday weekend last year, and we were 47 per cent down on Saturday when the marches were ongoing."

"However, we were 21 per cent up on the Sunday and 12 per cent up on the Monday. This means we were about 16 per cent down for the whole weekend. We held family activities aimed at children on

Sunday and Monday, which included decorating cupcakes, making crowns for the jubilee and dance workshops, which all helped to draw people in."

Cllr Hazel Simmons, Leader of Luton Borough Council, said: "The decision to keep St George's Square free for residents to use proved to be exactly right."

"Initial reports from businesses are that it was worth staying open on Saturday although of course trade was not as brisk as it would normally be."

"We will continue to work with businesses over the coming days and weeks to understand the precise economic impact of Saturday's demonstrations as part of a full impact assessment."

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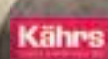
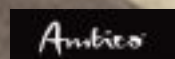
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Racism is still a problem

SIR - This isn't a racist letter. But it is about racism.

It is an attempt to get our leaders to admit that racism is still a very serious problem - and importantly to face the fact that they, themselves, far from improving the situation, are actually making matters worse.

Having been regarded as something of a 'lefty' all my life I feel myself being dragged inexorably towards the right, not so much by the minority of miscreants among our immigrant community or even their reluctance to integrate more, but rather by the ridiculous attitude of denial that so many of our leaders have adopted.

Our local council leader was recently quoted as saying '...the majority of Lutonians celebrate our cultural diversity'. What utter nonsense.

The truth is that, at best, we tolerate it but many more see it as a growing threat to the British way of life. No wonder we've got the EDL and BNP.

The first step to solving any problem is to admit it is there. In the UK today there remain some very serious problems concerning race, religion and culture.

True, many of them are imagined, but when we constantly hear lies and spin and transparent attempts at appeasement instead of open, honest discussion, the imagined ones become worse - much worse - and the real ones get swept under the carpet.

If our main parties don't soon face reality they will leave the field wide open to the extremists of the far right.

And judging by the way the right is gaining ground all across Europe we won't have long to wait.

Ron Turvey
Stanmore Crescent, Luton

Great job by new boss

SIR - Well at long last he has gone!

What a breath of fresh air, out with the old - Gary Brabin, and in with the new, Paul Buckle.

What a difference he has made. Five wins, two draws and no goals against in the league.

Players playing in the right positions, fitter and lasting 90 minutes.

Third time lucky for the town in regards of manager (third one within 12 months) and the play-offs.

Well done to Paul Buckle and players.

B. Bailey
Alexandra Avenue, Luton

Loss of support for PM

SIR - It's clear from the local election results, that David Cameron and his coalition buddies have lost the support of the people.

They have not fixed any of the country's problems. In fact, they have made them much worse.

If David Cameron has any respect, or love for this country, he should call a general election immediately. But he won't. He puts his party's needs before the country's.

John Tucker
Bracklesham Gardens, Luton

Let nature be as it is

SIR - I strongly disagree with Ron Turvey's demands that weeds

What about the right to lead a normal life?

SIR - I don't know what Stephen Yaxley-Lennon (Tommy Robinson) hoped to accomplish in the EDL march last week, but let's look at what he did achieve.

He incurred a bill for Bedfordshire taxpayers of well over £1 million to pay for 1,500 police officers from as far away as Surrey, Warwickshire and Leicestershire plus the cost of keeping two police helicopters airborne for the duration of the event.

Despite the best efforts of Luton Borough Council, many pubs were closed, several Park Street shops and businesses were

boarded up to prevent damage and, with restricted access to parts of the town centre, the harm to Luton's economy was disastrous.

We are told that Mr Yaxley-Lennon has a democratic right to hold a demonstration in our town, but surely it is time to consider the 99.9 per cent of the people of Luton who don't want the EDL here but do want their democratic rights to lead normal lives and visit the town centre without fear of being caught up in violence.

Nick Murray
Mullion Close, Luton



Tommy Robinson

should be cleared from the natural spaces in Luton, along the Swan Walk and the Lea.

I also walk the walks, daily, and I am delighted the council has seen fit to let nature grow.

Weeds are only weeds in the eye of the desperate controller; to many of us, weeds are herbs, or wild, uncultivated flowers and greenery. They provide much safe habitat for small rodents, they enable insects to live and thrive which creates a healthy natural food source for birds.

Butterflies thrive and are abundant in these places. Bees, so at risk in this modern time of genetic modification of crops and weed and pesticide control and cultivation of land by humans, can find sanctuary in those green spaces.

Thank goodness the council has let nature grow freely in these places. Mr Turvey should go walk in the boring green parks, somewhere like the sports field on Sundon Road (we used to call it Sundon Park, but I think it is known as Leagrave Park, now).

It's on the opposite side of the Lea river from the beautiful wild space that thrives that is Leagrave Park and Wauluds bank and the Marsh Woods.

In that park, swallows used to thrive and dive to catch insects in the summer, birds sang from the many enormous and beautiful trees that adorned the park, uncut and also allowed to be naturally growing examples of Mother Nature's beauty.

Nowadays, the trees are kept to a minimum and coppiced to within an inch of a total shave.

Will the future generations enjoy anything natural if Mr Turvey gets his way? I doubt it, so I say, very loudly, let the wild things grow and let nature be natural and thank you very much to Luton Borough Council for that.

Wendy Bradley
St Ethelbert Ave, Luton

Need to stop water waste

SIR - AO Currant's letter (LoS April 15) about the current drought raises important questions.

We had very little winter rain. Spring and summer rain is less useful as it does not penetrate to the aquifer.

However there need be no water shortage at all in this country, even in dry years.

Part of the problem is loss through leakage (30 per cent in Thames Water area as opposed to around ten per cent in Germany and France) and failure to invest in infrastructure and water storage facilities.

Privatised water companies have less incentive to invest in upgrading the system as their principal duty is to shareholders.

The French Veolia water company has sold off local water company assets.

To save shareholders money routine rat baiting in sewers was cancelled with action only taken on reported rat infestations.

Water could be piped from the wetter north and west of our island but that would require some government intervention as the necessary works would cover several water company areas.

Scotland voted sensibly not to privatise its water system.

The World Bank, which works with the UN under its 'sustainable development' programme wants everyone to be limited to 40 litres of water per day (five garden watering cans) and water prices will be raised until their object is achieved.

In other words there is little incentive to improve infrastructure or reduce leakage.

Agenda 21 from the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit II) is using the guiding principle of 'Demand Management' to control the use

and distribution of water by 1/Price; 2/Volume Restriction; 3/(Invasive) Regulations.

The population of the dry South East has rocketed adding to the problem.

Britain's EU membership means we have greatly restricted ability to control our borders.

Sewage and traffic flow was a more accurate way of checking Slough's population than census.

What is the real population of London and the South East? Everyone uses water.

Robert Theobald
Hill Close, Luton

Let's help the animals

SIR - I am appealing to all your animal loving readers to join me in supporting the Blue Cross Tea Party, a nationwide fundraising event to help raise money for animals in need.

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William Roache MBE
On behalf of the Blue Cross Tea Party



The stories you've been commenting on this week:

Protests in town

■ Hazel Simmons speaks on behalf of the Labour council, saying how disappointed she is about the EDL demo. Errrrr hello don't you mean demos? The UAF have been part of the loss of trade and policing costs, then who do we see Shuker and Hopkins demonstrating and marching. Double standards have led to the problems we now face in Luton, do as we say not as we do Luton council. . . **Pete**

■ It should become government policy to make 'all' groups irrespective of who they are or what they protest about pay for the police to steward and provide security coverage when demo are held, this way groups who wish to go on the street and do their thing will have to consider very carefully if they are in a financial position to be able to organise a movement and to have a lovely get together on a fun day out. **Sugar Puffs**

■ Why have the police overstated the EDL march at 3,000 when all others estimate 500 to 1,000? This march has cost Luton council, businesses and police an estimated £2.6 million. Disturging. **Wendy Jones**

■ The violence that did occur was planned by the UAF gang and their associates, but as usual, their propaganda tries to blame innocent parties for their actions. The leadership of the UAF gang should be investigated. Thanks to the police for stopping the UAF packs from attacking the community in Luton. **Zerin**

■ The EDL stated they wanted to come to Luton in August to St George's Square, what right have they got to say they are going to take the square? You EDL idiots should foot the bill for the policing of your demos. I know the unions pay for their demos. **Mr BJ**

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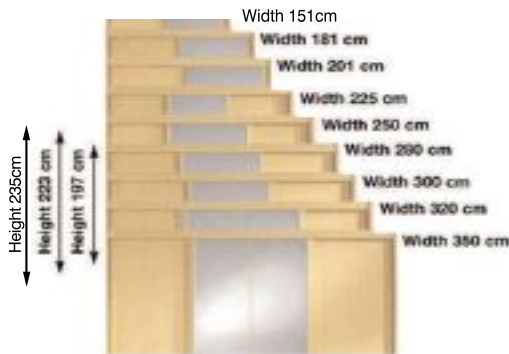
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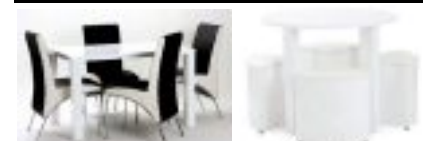
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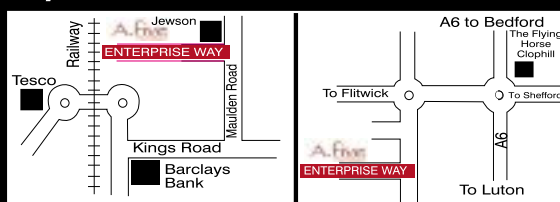


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The first is they seem to be hitting poor people much more than the rich. We are obviously not in it altogether.

The second is that much of the decision making process is being bungled. People will forgive most things in their Government but not confusion and incompetence. This we have been seeing in spades.

At least the Thatcher Government was competent. As someone once said: 'history always repeats itself, the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce'. All they need is a bit of corruption and the coalition will be dead in the water. Not that this should prove much of a boost to either Labour or we the electors.

Because the other message coming out loud and clear to MPs and the major parties is

Why the message from our leaders isn't getting across

that we don't really like any of you and don't think any of you really care about us.

The Westminster club is becoming more and more remote from the people it is supposed to represent.

This is partly because the MPs themselves are being drawn from a narrower and narrower base. More and more have gone from privileged background to university, to political researcher to MP.

They simply have no idea how the rest of us live and work.

Once a dockworker argued passionately with an industrialist.

Now posh boys from Oxbridge debate and poke fun at each other, before disappearing to one of the subsidised bars to share a bottle of Chablis.

The institution that is the Houses of Parliament, which was once thought to be quaint and quintessentially English, also works against democracy as it is difficult to see MPs live in action, difficult to visit them

and difficult to get our concerns into their club.

Promises are made at election time which are subsequently completely ignored. There is even an arrogance that questions our right to expect them to keep their word.

Referendums, which were promised by all parties, are a dirty word.

This in an age where technology allows instant access and answers to the rest of the planet, outside the Westminster bubble.

Local government is not much better. Again councils were once made up of people who worked in the community and gave some of their spare time to be councillors. These days they are mainly professional politicians from the main parties, who relate more to each other than the council tax-payers they supposedly represent, and care more for their large salaries than for us.

The big problem facing the politics of this country is disillusion with the system and the politicians.

And if they fail to sort it, by first understanding that truth, they will reap the whirlwind of that disaffection.

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A MUSIC service has been given a £1.6 million boost to create an education hub.

Luton Borough Council has successfully secured the huge Arts Council England (ACE) funding for the next three years.

From September 2012, Luton Music Service will be the lead organisation in the facility, which will involve working with a

variety of partner organisations in 'ensuring every child has the opportunity to experience a high quality music education'.

Organisations already signed up to the new hub include Luton Culture, UK Centre for Carnival Arts, E-Learning @ Luton, Greenbank Music Village, Luton Sixth Form College and schools as well as

several regional and national organisations.

Cllr Tahir Khan (pictured) said: "Well done to the Luton Music Service for their competitive bid to ACE to secure funding for the next three years. This means children, irrespective of their background, will be given more opportunities to learn to play instruments and to learn to sing."



Shotgun is fired at the window of home

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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POLICE believe a shotgun was fired at a home 'at close range' causing damage to a window.

A resident inside the house in Mansfield Road, Luton, was awoken by a loud noise at 2.30am on Wednesday and saw a new style Astra speed off.

A full police investigation has been launched in to the circumstances surrounding the damage and Scene of Crime Officers have completed a forensic examination of the house.

The officer leading the investigation, Detective Sergeant Mark Taylor, is keen to trace anyone who has information about those responsible for this incident.

He said: "We are treating this incident seriously as we believe the damage was caused by a shotgun being fired at close range."

"While the actual threat caused by gun crime is very small and does not affect the vast majority of law abiding people within Bedfordshire, we are not complacent about the dangers posed by these weapons and would therefore urge anyone who has

information about those people who carry or have access to illegal weapons to have the courage to come forward and speak to the police.

"With the help of the public we can rid our county of the weapons and reduce the small number of people affected by gun crime still further."

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JUST last week the Environment Agency put parts of Bedfordshire on flood alert.

So wet was the last month it was officially the soggiest April for more than 100 years.

It's statistics like these which make it more remarkable that the south east of Britain is in the middle of a drought.

Indeed, such is the scale of the problem that, last month, Luton Borough Council switched off the £300,000 water feature in St George's Square to comply with restrictions concerning the use of water.

Mike Pocock, Water Resources Manager of Veolia Water, (pictured) may be forgiven for praying for rain, but says that the 18 months prior to the heavy rain-falls shouldn't be forgotten.

He said: "The recent wet weather have been a blessing for gardeners, farmers, rivers and sports pitches in drought hit regions such as Luton, but unfortunately this has done little to replenish groundwater supplies.

"We are experiencing the worst drought since 1976, as rainfall has been very low over the last two winters, meaning that the amount of water available now is still well below normal for this time of year.

"The cumulative rainfall over last winter's recharge period was the least seen for 120 years in our area.

"In the last week we have seen a very small rise in groundwater from the recent exceptionally wet conditions, but we will need pro-

DESPITE the rain there's still a hosepipe ban in place. **LAUREN ARCHELL** speaks to the man in charge of dealing with the drought at leading water company Veolia Water, which provides water services to Luton and Dunstable.



longed and substantial rainfall over next autumn and winter to recharge our aquifers and to move us out of a drought situation. "At this time of year, most rain-

fall is absorbed by trees and plants for growth, or is lost to evaporation.

"The soil above the underground chalk aquifers, from which Veolia Water takes most of its water, has also become so dry that rain will either run off the surface into rivers, or be absorbed by the soil and not permeate downwards.

"This means curiously that we can have drought and flood conditions at the same time."

Luton has been directly affected by the hosepipe ban, with the popular water feature in St George's Square having to be turned off to fall in line with the restrictions.

Changes such as this have sparked much public debate following the recent rainfall, but Mr Pocock is keen to stress the serious nature of the ban.

He said: "The Environment Agency warned of potentially serious consequences later this year, including widespread environmental damage and further restrictions on water usage unless action is taken to reduce demand and conserve supplies.

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protect supplies for 2013, after careful consideration of our current and future water resources and the long term weather prospects, but with much regret for the inconvenience it may

cause for our customers. Mr Pocock added that as yet no action has been taken against customers for flouting the ban.

He said: "Our experience during the last drought is that most

customers who were reported to us for using a hosepipe, were either covered by an exemption, or were not fully aware of the rules of the ban.

"When we announced the restrictions on hosepipe use on March 12, we went through a two-week consultation period where all customers were invited to make representations on the uses we were restricting.

"We have listened to our customers' feedback and have tried to strike a balance to enable us to save water and alleviate the drought situation, while at the same time minimise the inconvenience to customers."

Knowing that recent weather conditions may dilute pleas from water firms, Veolia Water is releasing further advice to users.

Mr Pocock said: "As a provider of an essential resource, we have to conserve supplies and make sure there is enough water for future demands.

"On average, each person uses 169 litres of top quality drinking water per day – but they only drink two litres of it.

"That means 167 litres of water is used for other purposes such as baths, showers, flushing the toilet, washing machines or dishwashers.

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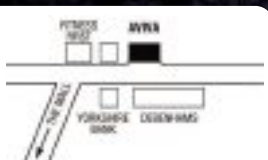
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Thomas aims to be named top royalist

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A TEENAGER has been named as a finalist in a search for the Ultimate Royalist.

Thomas Watson, 18, from Luton, has been shortlisted in a competition to find members of the public who have the best collection of Royal Family memorabilia.

Mr Watson has beaten more than 60 fans to be named one of the five finalists of the competition, which has been organised by the Government-owned company The Royal Mint in celebration of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. He is an avid



collector of royal coins and flags, starting with items that were passed down to him by his grandfather. Now on the cusp of the Diamond Jubilee, Mr Watson has amassed a collection of more than 300 items.

The UK's Ultimate Royalist will be chosen by

a panel including royalist and collector Margaret Tyler, executive editor of the Daily Express Tina Moran, and Gordon Summers, chief engraver at The Royal Mint.

The winner will get an exclusive chance to go behind the scenes of the highly secure Royal Mint

to strike their own Gold Proof Diamond Jubilee coin worth £2,400; four runners-up will receive a Silver Proof Diamond Jubilee coin.

Mr Watson said: "I am thrilled to be shortlisted for The Royal Mint's Ultimate Royalist competition. I know collecting coins may not be a usual pastime for someone my age but it's something I'm extremely passionate about."

"It would be a dream to visit the place where the coins of the realm are made and add a Gold Proof Diamond Jubilee coin to my collection."

The competition winner will be announced at the end of the month.

A MAN had his jaw broken during an attack after a night out.

As the 32-year-old victim made his way home along Chapel Street and reached the corner of Chapel Street and Regents Street, Luton, last Sunday at 2am, a group of men approached him and

Police search for pair after late night attack

two of them kicked and punched him to the ground.

A member of the public managed to stop the attack and the men left, and the victim was taken to hospital.

The two men are

described as being aged between 25 and 40, with slight builds and 5'8" tall and wearing dark hooded tops and jeans.

Detective Claire Brennan said: "We don't know what the

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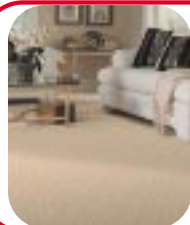
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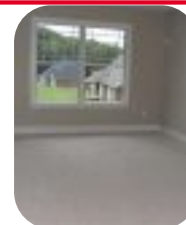
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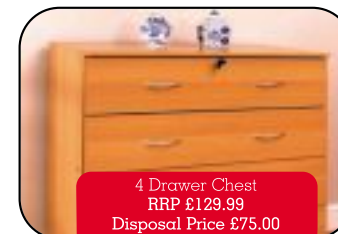
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The event took place at the Putteridge Bury campus in Hitchin Road, Luton, as the uni fulfils key goals which include making Fairtrade foods available for sale in all campus shops and used in all cafés, restaurants and bars on campus.

Fairtrade foods are also served at all meetings hosted by the university and the Students' Union, and a cross-university Fairtrade Steering Group has been set up.

University Vice Chancellor Professor Les Ebdon and Students' Union President John Perkins were presented with the official certificate on Friday.

Fairtrade Steering Group member Adam Higgin said: "This has been very much a joint effort over recent years involving the university, Students' Union and partner organisations."

Ceremony guests included Luton North Labour MP Kelvin Hopkins and Mayor of Luton Cllr Don Worthing.

Drivers fined in plates operation

BY LUI STRACCIA

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SIXTY drivers were either fined or warned in one month for using illegal number plates that were difficult to read.

In the Operation Dragon campaign throughout March, formal penalties were dished out to Bedfordshire motorists for 'using a misrepresented number plate' on their vehicle.

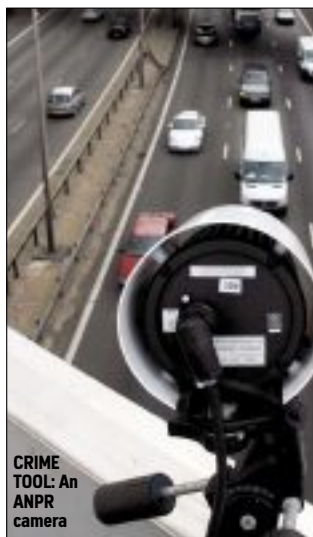
Number plates that are difficult to read correctly are illegal and make it difficult to identify vehicles that are involved in crime, for example, tracing a stolen car or a vehicle used in a getaway after a robbery.

Officers from the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), which uses a system which can read a number plate every second and compare it against several national databases, looked out for:

- adjusted fixings or bolts which change spaces or obscure characters to appear as something else
- any font that is not standard DVLA approved
- offensive wording
- plates not easily readable or recognised by the naked eye

The operation involved the neighbouring police forces of Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

Inspector Andy Piper, Bedfordshire ANPR manager, said: "The month-long crackdown across the three counties, when we specifically target-



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ed this particular offence, will be repeated in the summer but is something we look out for on a daily basis.

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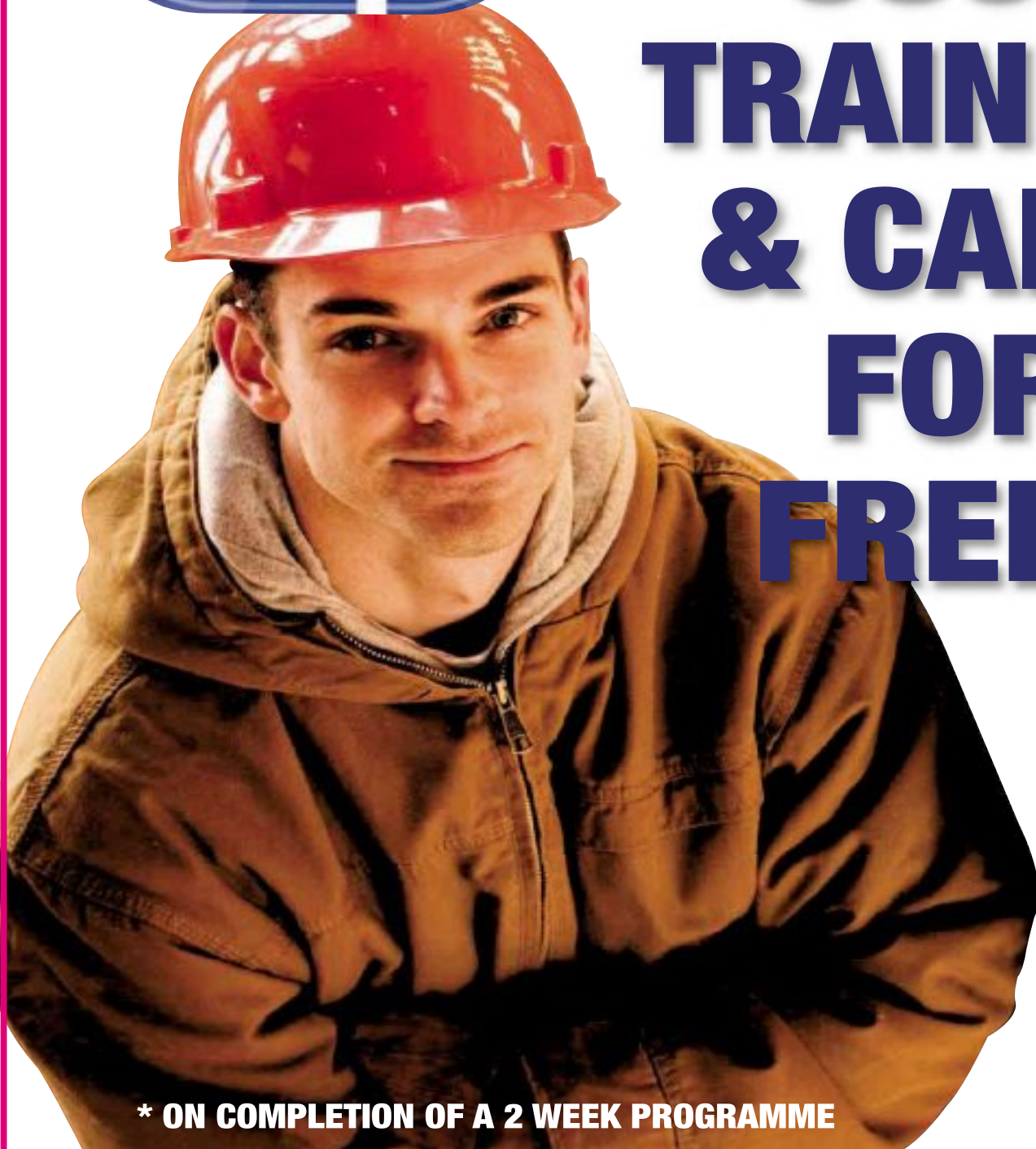
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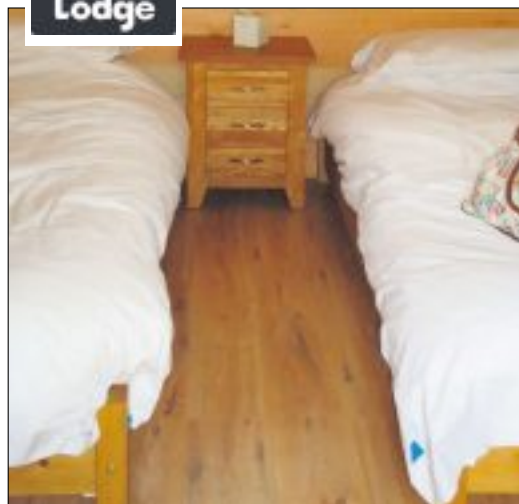
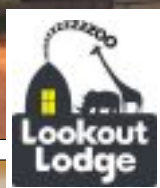
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REVIEW

WHIPSNADE ZOO: LOOKOUT LODGE

WALKING through the Cheetah enclosure in the dead of night we spot the outline of the speedy feline on our right - panic spreads - it looks like it is ready to pounce.

On closer inspection with our handy torches we realise it is just a statue. The real ones are safely behind two inches of glass, two dozing in their heated den with their brother sitting on its haunches watching a group of people armed with lights gaze inquisitively at the pack.

This is not some kind of exotic African safari, but an exclusive night tour of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo. There are just 16 guests and three zoo staff guiding us round. It is just us and the animals - each wondering what the others are up to.

Until recently the various species thought they had the zoo to themselves at night, able to howl, roar and chirp away at their pleasure. They really come alive at night.

The zoo, famous for its rolling landscapes and spectacular views, has been offering these overnight breaks since the beginning of the month and has already had massive interest.

There are eight small, but very cosy, wooden lodges nestled opposite the White Rhino paddock.

We started the evening with an hour-and-a-half tour, stopping off to feed the Bongos (striped Antelopes) and watch the Lions climb trees and chase each other round playfully. Wallabies hop past, many carrying Joeys in their pouches.

We wind up in the restaurant opposite the Tiger enclosure feasting on a luxurious barbecue before heading back to our warm lodges on the torchlit tour, passing the Flamingos, Cheetahs, Wolves and Lions.

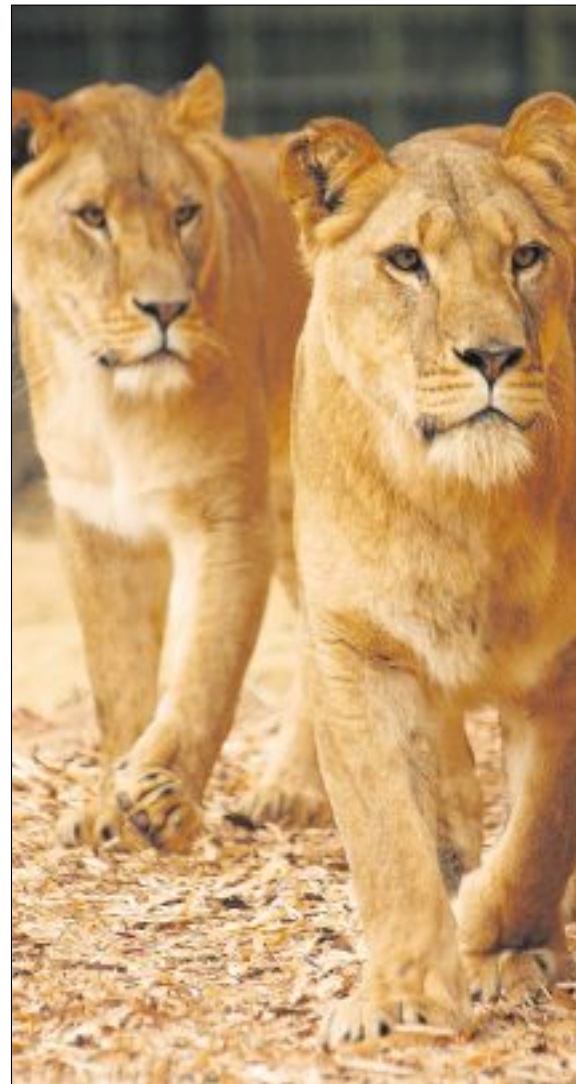
An after-hours excursion to the toilet, which is just a few metres away from the lodges, is an adventure in itself. The only sounds apart from my shuffling feet is the far-away growl of an unknown animal - or was it? The night plays tricks on the noises. But it only adds to the enjoyment of the night.

First thing in the morning, waking to the sound of rain pattering the roof (unfortunately you are still victim to the typical British weather) we are whisked up to the restaurant to enjoy a full English breakfast before being taken to see the zoo wake up, still the only visitors in the park.

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 <p>VERA ITV1, 8pm This time, Vera and DS Joe Ashworth are called to an army barracks, where they team up with Military Policewoman Shep. The body of commanding officer Devaney, known as Dev for short, has been found, and although it initially appears he's committed suicide, a closer inspection of the scene reveals he was murdered – but who wanted him dead? Vera decides Dev's close friends and loyal comrades Vince and Budgie may hold the key, although a link to Ollie, a soldier killed in Afghanistan, could also prove valuable as the net closes in on a murderer who may have been responsible for more than one death. Barbara Marten and Clare Calbraith guest star.</p>	<p>6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.10 Live Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). 3.15 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle. (R) 4.15 Points of View. 4.30 Final Score. 5.25 Songs of Praise.</p> <p>6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.</p> <p>6.25 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore Exmoor.</p> <p>7.25 The Voice UK Results. Tom Jones and Will.i.am lose two more acts each.</p> <p>8.00 Planet Earth Live. Richard Hammond and Julia Bradbury continue the wildlife event following newborn baby animals across the world, from lion cubs in Kenya to bears in Minnesota. Continues Wednesday.</p> <p>9.00 Death in Paradise. A voodoo priestess is found dead after predicting her own murder – and while the team thinks her prophecy has come true, Richard believes it is simply an old-fashioned killing. (R)</p> <p>10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.</p> <p>10.25 Match of the Day. Highlights from the final day of the Premier League season.</p> <p>12.00 Film: Perfect Creature. (2006) Vampire thriller, starring Dougray Scott and Saffron Burrows. 1.20 Weatherview. 1.25 Sign Zone: Empire. (R) 2.25 Holly City. (R) 3.25 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.10 BBC News.</p>	<p>6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 12.45 Film: North West Frontier. (1959) Action adventure, starring Lauren Bacall, Kenneth More, Herbert Lom and Wilfrid Hyde White. 2.50 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Catalans Dragons v Warrington Wolves. (Kick-off 3.10pm). 5.15 Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix – Highlights.</p> <p>6.00 BBC Young Musician 2012. Clemency Burton-Hill and Josie D'Arby present as the three finalists perform a concerto of their choice with the Northern Sinfonia at the Sage Gateshead. Last in the series.</p> <p>8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. The adventurer travels from the south of Kenya to the Horn of Africa, along the way joining a Ugandan peace-keeping force in Mogadishu, the capital of war-torn Somalia.</p> <p>9.00 Coast. New series. Investigating the lifestyles, history and legends of Britain.</p> <p>10.00 The Lost World of the Seventies. Profiles of four colourful public figures in the 1970s.</p> <p>11.00 Episodes. The sitcom Puckst premieres in America. (R)</p> <p>11.30 Grandma's House. Simon arranges a visit to the therapist for Grandma. (R)</p> <p>12.00 Film: Ae Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Atta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. 1.40 BBC News. 4.15 Close.</p>	<p>6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 Dinner Date. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Ade in Britain. (R) 10.30 May the Best House Win. (R) 11.30 The Cube. (R) 12.25 ITV News; Weather. 12.35 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 1.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 2.30 Film: Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 4.30 The Hungry Sailors. (R) 5.30 You've Been Framed! (R)</p> <p>6.00 Regional News; Weather.</p> <p>6.15 ITV News; Weather.</p> <p>6.30 All Star Family Fortunes. Coronation Street's Samia Ghadie takes on former castmate Bill Tarmey. Last in the series.</p> <p>7.30 Emmerdale. Zak is sectioned under the mental health act, and Lisa is forced to tell a shocked Debbie the truth about Cain's attack.</p> <p>8.00 Vera. The detective investigates a suspicious death in an army barracks that was designed to look like a suicide, and uncovers a traumatic event that nobody wants to talk about.</p> <p>10.00 ITV News at Ten;</p> <p>10.15 David Jason's Greatest Escapes. The actor examines wartime escapes that inspired films and dramas. (R)</p> <p>11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the semi-finals.</p> <p>12.10 The Store; ITV News Headlines. 2.15 British Superbike Championship Highlights. (R) 3.05 Motorsport UK. 3.55 ITV News. 5.30 ITV Morning News.</p>	<p>6.10 Sali Mali. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 FIA GT1 World Championship. 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.55 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.10 The Big Bang Theory. 12.40 The Big Bang Theory. 1.10 The Simpsons. (R) 1.40 The Simpsons. (R) 2.10 Film: Runaway Bride. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. 4.25 Deal or No Deal. 5.25 Time Team.</p> <p>6.25 Channel 4 News.</p> <p>6.55 4thought.tv. A short film exploring views on whether technology should be used to determine the characteristics of genetically designed babies.</p> <p>7.00 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Singer Peter Andre takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of the mystery boxes and win up to £250,000 for his chosen charity.</p> <p>8.00 FILM: The Twilight Saga: New Moon. (2009) Premiere. Vampire Edward leaves his human girlfriend Bella for her own safety, driving her into the arms of a werewolf. Romantic fantasy, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson.</p> <p>10.35 FILM: Because I Said So. (2007) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Diane Keaton.</p> <p>12.25 Film: Uski Roti. (1970) Drama, starring Garima and Gurdeep Singh. 2.20 The Birthday. (R) 2.35 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.35 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.30 Countdown. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowerbuds. (R) 6.25 City of Friends. (R) 6.35 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 6.50 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Abby's Flying Fairy School. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Family! (R) 7.30 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.45 Milkshake! Monkey. (R) 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.20 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.35 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.20 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.35 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 10.00 Zoo Days. (R) 10.05 Grey's Anatomy. (R) 11.00 The Restaurant Inspector. (R) 12.00 Film: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004) Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar. 1.45 Film: Miss Congeniality. (2000) Comedy, with Sandra Bullock. 3.55 Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. 5.35 Film: The Witches. (1990)</p> <p>7.35 Ultimate Police Interceptors.</p> <p>8.00 Once Upon a Time.</p> <p>9.00 World's Scariest Animal Attacks.</p> <p>9.55 5 News.</p> <p>10.00 FILM: The Bone Collector. (1999) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.</p> <p>12.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 1.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. 4.50 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)</p>	<p>ITV2 3.40 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Britain's Got Talent Special 4.25 Britain's Got Talent – The Live Final 7.00 Britain's Got More Talent Final 8.00 Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments 9.00 Benidorm 10.00 The Only Way Is Essex 10.45 Film: Tomorrow Never Dies (1997)</p> <p>ITV3 2.55 Film: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) 4.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 Film: The American President (1995) 10.20 Agatha Christie's Marple</p> <p>ITV4 11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. 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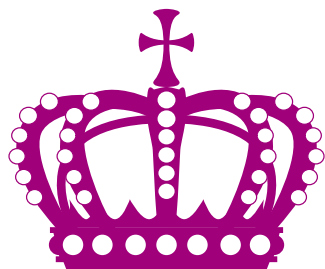
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Deaths



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Formerly of Whipperley Way, Luton aged 48 years. Sadly and very suddenly passed away on 29th April 2012. Funeral service will take place Thursday 17th May, 1.00pm at The Vale Crematorium. Luton. Flowers or donations if desired in aid of The Blue Cross Adoption Centre, Kimpton may be sent with further enquiries to Luton Funeral Service 266 Leagrave Road Luton LU3 1RB. Tel: 01582 493500.

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17/05/2001
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Love Gerald, Alan, Julie and families



Deaths



CHARLES

Tony of Luton, passed away suddenly on the 2nd May 2012 aged 51 years.

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You will be required to have demonstrable experience in community engagement/development, family support, early years or a health related discipline. More importantly we require someone who is an outstanding communicator and who is able to develop strong relationships with a broad range of people at all levels. Interviews will be held on 31 May 2012 and you will be asked to prepare a presentation demonstrating the positive impact you have made on a project/family through your work.

If you would like an informal chat about the position or to arrange a visit to one of our delivery sites please contact me directly on 01582 413 552 or by email: chapelstreet.hubmanager@gmail.com

For further information, a discussion about this exciting role or to arrange a visit to a centre please contact Michael Howe, Children's Centre Hub Manager on 01582 413552.

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs and click on the link to the Teaching and Schools Vacancies.

Closing date: 25 May 2012.

Ref: 40/0423

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For further information and an application pack please contact Paula Sanders at the school address, call 01582 534000 or 533117 or email: icknield.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 18 May 2012 at 12noon.

Ref: 40/0431

MAIDENHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newark Road, Luton LU4 8LD

Assistant Head Teacher (Inclusion and Intervention)

L6 - L10 £42,379 - £46,808 per annum

We wish to appoint, for September 2012, a suitable qualified Assistant Head Teacher to lead on Inclusion and Intervention. This is a key role within the school and is a part of the Senior Leadership Team.

You will lead a team of committed, experienced and well qualified support staff in providing appropriate interventions identified through provision mapping.

Ref: 40/0438

Assessment Manager - Year 2

MPS/UPS plus TLR 2b

Required for September 2012, a suitably experienced and qualified Assessment Manager for Year Two.

You must be highly enthusiastic, inspirational to both staff and pupils and committed to raising achievement throughout the school. You will have responsibility for a class and act as an Assessment Manager for the year group.

Ref: 40/0437

Teacher - KS2

MPS/UPS

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Ref: 40/0436

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Closing date for Maidenhall roles: 24 May 2012

Interview date for Maidenhall roles: 30 May 2012.

WAULUD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wauluds Bank Drive Luton LU3 3LZ

Class Teacher

MPS/UPS

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Closing date: 20 May 2012.

Ref: 40/0430

Interview date: w/c 28 May 2012.

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Stockholm Way Luton LU3 3SS

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Closing date: 1 June 2012.

Ref: 40/0434

Interview date: w/c 18 June 2012.

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Ref: 12/0225

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Ref: 12/0224

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For further details and an application pack please contact Mrs Julie Davies, tel: 01234 768224 or email: marstonm@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk

Closing date: 28th May 2012 at 12.00 noon.

Interview date: 31st May 2012.

Springfield Lower School
Orchard Street, Kempston, Bedford MK42 7LJ
Nursery Liaison Support Worker

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Closing date: 23rd May 2012 at 9.00am.

Interview date: w/c 28th May 2012.

Putnoe Primary School
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Foundation Stage Co-ordinator

MPS plus TLR2

Full-time

Required for September 2012

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Interview date: 25th May 2012.

Primary Teachers x2

MPS plus enhancements if applicable

Full-time

Required for September 2012

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Interview date: 25th May 2012.

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Closing date for Putnoe roles: 21st May 2012.

Willington Lower School
Church Road, Willington, Beds

Class Teacher

MPS or UPS, depending on experience

Full-time

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For further details and an application pack please contact Denise McDonald, tel: 01234 838280 or email: willington@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk

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Public Notices

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that on 8th May 2012 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the below Orders under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). The effect of the Orders will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in Church Street and Marsh Road as stated below, and to close to pedestrians the footpath and length of footpath in Twyford Drive as stated below. The Orders are intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described as below. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Orders will cease operation after the stated period or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. The Orders will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (CHURCH STREET) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012
The Order will come into operation on 1st August 2012, and will cease operation after a period of 18 months. The purpose of the Order is to enable for a full reconstruction of the Station Road junction.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Church Street	From its junction with Midland Road to the entrance of Bute Street shoppers car park

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (MARSH ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012
The Order will come into operation 12th June 2012 and cease operation after a period of 2 months. The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway maintenance works to be carried out.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Marsh Road.	From its junction with Grange Avenue to its junction with the entrance to Leagrave Railway Station carpark on Marsh Road.

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (TWYFORD DRIVE) (TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2012
The Order will come into operation 6th June 2012 and cease operation after 11th June 2012. The purpose of the Order is to enable UK Power Networks safe access to install a power connection to a new BT cabinet.

SCHEDULE

FOOTPATH	LENGTH OF FOOTPATH
Twyford Drive	Footpath between Crawley Green Road and Twyford Drive

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic and pedestrians will be marked by signs.

13th May 2012
Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

Public Notices

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.8) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation 4th June 2012 and cease operation after a period of 18 months or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and length of roads in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above.

The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

13th May 2012

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Austin Road	The whole length
Birch Link	The whole length
Cobden Street	The whole length
Crawley Green Road	From its junction with Vauxhall Way to its junction with Wigmore Lane
Cutenhoe Road	The whole length
Dallow Road	From its junction with Kingsway to its junction with Dunstable Road
Downs Road	The whole length
Dunstable Road	Both westbound and eastbound carriageways from Junction 11 of the M1 to its junction with Chaul End Lane
Kent Road	The whole length
Leagrave Road	From its junction with Selbourne Road to its junction with Dunstable Road
Leagrave Road	From its junction with Woodland Avenue to its junction with Selbourne Road
London Road	The whole length
Malzeard Road	The whole length
New Bedford Road	From its junction with Hucklesby Way to its junction with Stockingstone Road
Russell Street	The whole length
Selbourne Road	From its junction with Mansfield Road to its junction with Leagrave Road
Sundon Park Road	From its junction with Hill Rise to its junction with Grampian Way

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AND KINGSWAY DUNSTABLE)
(TEMPORARY 20MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2012**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from exceeding a 20mph speed limit along the following lengths of road:-

- The full length of Queensway
- The full length of Vernon Place
- The full length of Court Drive
- That length of Kingsway from Court Drive to The Mall
- That length of College Drive from Kingsway to the College access road

This temporary speed limit is required to enable bus lane construction works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place from 14th May to 28th September 2012, for the full 24 hour period each day. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 14 May 2012 for a period of six months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

**(B4541 WHIPSNADE ROAD, KENSWORTH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of B4541 Whipsnade Road, Kensworth which extends from B4540 Bison Hill to B489 Tring Road.

This temporary closure is required to enable ditch clearance work to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over ONE WEEK from Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June 2012 between 8am and 3.30pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Take 1st exit and proceed on Tring Rd to B4506 Dagnall Rd. Take 1st exit and continue on Dagnall Rd to B4540 Bison Hill. Turn left and continue on Bison Hill to B4541 and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 28 May 2012 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

DATED 9 May 2012

Central Bedfordshire Council
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FORM 45
COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1) SUBSECTION 15(2)
Notice of an application for the registration of land as a Town or Village Green

To every reputed owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of any part of the land described below, and to all others whom it may concern.

Application has been made to Luton Borough Council, Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ by Mr Martin Stiff of 216 Butely Road, Luton LU4 9EY under Section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons (Registration of Town or Village Greens) (Interim Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2007. The application seeks the inclusion in the register of town and village greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a town or village green by virtue of it having been used by a significant number of the inhabitants of the Leagrave/Lewsey wards for lawful sports and pastimes, as for right, for at least 20 years and continuing to be so used.

The application, which includes a plan of the land proposed for registration may be inspected at the following office: Local Land Charges Service, Legal Services, Luton Borough Council, Apex House 30 – 34 Upper George Street Luton LU1 2RD between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday - Friday. If the registration authority is satisfied that the land described below qualifies for registration as a town or village green, it will so register the land.

Any person wishing to object to the registration of the land as a town or village green should send a statement of the facts on which the objection is based to Mr M. Savage, Local Land Charges Officer, Legal Services, Luton Borough Council, Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ on or before Friday 29 June 2012. Any representations that are to be taken into account by the Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and will be copied to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties.

Dated 13 May 2012
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NOTICE IS GIVEN UNDER
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1980.
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) REGULATIONS 1990

Site: 44 London Road
Description: Erection of single storey and two storey rear extensions.
Application no.: 12/00450/FUL
In a Conservation Area
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE ORDER 1995
Site: Luton Sixth Form College, 1 Bradgers Hill Road
Description: Use of land for temporary car parks
Application no.: 12/00398/FUL

The application and submitted details can be inspected using Public Access, the on-line planning service at www.eplan.luton.gov.uk and enter the application number into the Application Search. This site can be accessed at any library free of charge. If you wish to discuss the proposal, please contact the Case Officer on Luton 546317.

Any representations concerning the proposal should be made to the Development Control Manager within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number above. This can be done in writing or on-line through public access.

DATED: 13th May 2012
Development Control Manager

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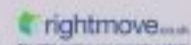
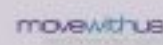
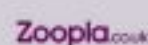
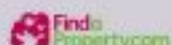
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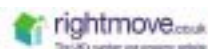
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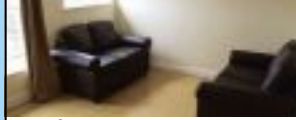
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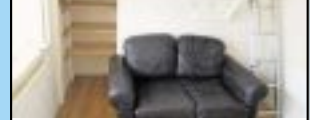
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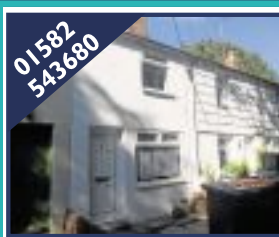
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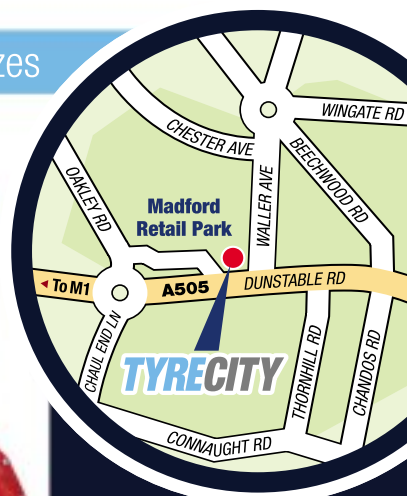
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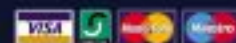
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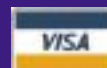
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Gray gets England call as coach reveals 60 minute scouting raid

AN hour was all it took to be convinced that Andre Gray was a player worth pursuing, Alan Neilson has said after the striker capped an electric start to life as Luton player with his first England call-up.

The Hatters assistant manager was sent to scout the former Shrewsbury hitman while he was playing for Hinckley United and his performance that day persuaded the club to splash out £30,000 to bring him to Kenilworth Road.

Since his switch from part time player to full time professional in March, the 20-year-old has bagged six goals in 11 appearances.

Neilson said: "Andre Gray has been

absolutely superb. I watched him play at Hinckley against Crawley. Me and James Quinn, the scout, left after 60 minutes and rang Gary Brabin, who was the manager at the time, and said he was a good player.

"He's proved that. He's strong, not scared to get stuck in and since he's been here, he's been excellent.

"He's got to keep on doing those same things and he's got that England recognition."

Paul Fairclough, the manager of the non-league Three Lions, named the Wolverhampton-born forward as one of eight new caps for the International Challenge Trophy Group A clash with Russia, to be played in the Khimki

Arena – the home of the legendary Moscow Dynamo FC, on Tuesday June 5.

Gray notched a goal in each of his first four matches to set a new Luton record. The first three came at a time when Luton couldn't buy a win, leading to the sacking of Gary Brabin.

The next match – a 4-2 win over Hayes & Yeading – was the first with new manager Paul Buckle in charge and since then the striker's form has helped Town back into the Blue Square Bet Premier play-off places. After beating Wrexham 3-2 on aggregate in the semi-final, his next match will be at Wembley.

"We've played so many games and

had a change in manager that I haven't had time to sit down and reflect on what's happened," he said, adding: "I take things in my stride though and will continue to work hard. We're playing much more like a team now and with the results improving so is the confidence and that's vital going into the play-offs.

"It's crazy to think that a few months ago I was fighting to help Hinckley stay up and now I'm fighting to try and get Luton up. It's a big difference but one that I'm relishing. If I'm being honest I didn't really expect to score goals – it's a big step up. Every time I score it's a massive bonus and I hope I can keep it up to get this club promoted."



ENGLAND AWAITS: Andre Gray



JJ O'Donnell

Plaudits for JJ after inking new contract

ALAN Neilson has praised the progress of JJ O'Donnell after the 20-year-old penned a three-year deal to stay at Luton.

The versatile players as made nine appearances for Town since joining from St Albans City in January 2010, with four of those games coming this season.

He has also had loan spells at Hampton & Richmond Borough and Thurrock this season in the Blue Square Bet South before manager Paul Buckle recalled him when he took over in March.

Assistant manager Neilson said: "JJ has been absolutely superb since the gaffer has come in."

The former Newcastle defender-turned-coach picked O'Donnell in the Hatters side that beat Dunstable Town 5-4 in after extra time to claim the Bedfordshire Senior Challenge Cup on Tuesday at Kenilworth Road.

He put in a livewire display, peppering the Blues' goal with shots, eventually finding the net to make it 2-1 after the South Midlands League Premier Division outfit had taken a two-goal lead.

Alex Lacey also featured at centre back. He was another youngster that Buckle recalled from a loan spell and Neilson thinks that he and O'Donnell have thrived under the new regime.

Neilson said: "Straight away he [Buckle] called JJ back from Thurrock and Alex from Eastbourne. They were doing really well at their clubs but he wanted them to come in, sample the atmosphere, the training that we are doing.

"Speaking to the manager, the young lads will have a good future at the club. As long as they keep working hard and listen to the coaches, they will progress.

"If they are doing well enough, they will be given a chance."

After extending his stay at Luton, O'Donnell said: "It's great that the manager has shown faith in me. I've learned a lot this season and I hope to use that knowledge next season. Fingers crossed I will be a Football League player."



WONDER STRIKE: Peter Holmes fires in against old team Luton in the Bedfordshire Senior Challenge Cup final

picture by Liam Smith

It's good to be Holmes as ex-Hatter backs new era

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE
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FORMER Hatter Peter Holmes thinks Luton could emulate the side he played in and rise through the Football Leagues – if they can win promotion via the Blue Square Bet Premier play-offs next weekend.

Town face old rivals York in a Wembley showdown on Sunday with a return to League Two the prize for the victors.

The 31-year-old midfielder, now captain at Dunstable Town, was back Kenilworth Road on Tuesday and scored a 35-yard stunner as Luton edged their county neighbours 5-4 in extra time to win the Bedfordshire Senior Challenge Cup for the first time in 106 years.

He said: "It was one of those that as soon as you hit it, you know it's going in.

"It's probably the last time I'm

going to play at Kenilworth Road in my career so it's nice to score a goal like that."

Holmes was a Hatter for seven years, signing in 2000 from Sheffield Wednesday. He made over 100 appearance and helped Luton out of the fourth division at the first attempt, after relegation the previous season, before they won the League One title in 2005 to reach the Championship.

"When we went through the leagues it was about momentum," said Holmes, adding: "You get a winning formula.

"If they win at Wembley and take it into League Two, you'll never know where that will lead them."

He added: "They've no divine right to be in League Two and I don't know [manager] Paul Buckle personally but I've heard really good things about him.

"He's come in and got the lads going and playing good football.

"After mid-season when their campaign was a bit of a write-off I think they've got a great chance of getting up. Once they get into League Two then hopefully they'll push on from there.

"It shows that you can't take the Conference Premier lightly because there are a lot of good teams in there and people spend a lot of money just look at Fleetwood.

"There are a lot of teams that could probably compete in League Two, financially and ability-wise.

"Playing for Luton probably adds a little more pressure than any of the other teams.

"I played here [Kenilworth Road] twice in two years with Ebbsfleet and Hayes & Yeading and as soon as you come, you know you're in for a game.

"Every team raises their game and that's what Luton players have to put up with. That's the stature of the club."

Holmes skipped the Blues to a second place finish in the South Midlands League Premier Division, narrowly missing out on promotion to Royston Town.

He made the decision to quit professional football last summer after plying his trade in the Conference, but when asked if he would be at the Creasey Park club next season, he said: "I don't know, I take every year as it comes.

"I had to make a decision at the end of last season when I was with Hayes, whether to stay in football professionally, but I've got a business.

"Don't get me wrong, I do miss playing on Saturday in front of a lot of fans but there's a kick around on a Saturday and fair play, Dunstable try to do it well.

"I'm just playing for the love of the game really. We pushed them [Royston] all the way and it was just unfortunate we never went up."



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County's Trophy bid all but dead after West Country woe

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET

MINOR County cricket is being staged at Cople for only the second time today when Bedfordshire take on Oxfordshire in the MCCA Trophy, **writes Lance Christopher**. Despite the appalling recent weather the Cople square is in good condition and hopefully there will be an uninterrupted day's play.

Unfortunately Bedfordshire's chances of making it through to the quarter final stage of the competition are next to none after a disappointing trip to the West Country which resulted in a loss to Cornwall and an abandoned match against Devon.

Even victory by a big margin would not be enough unless there are some strange results in the other group matches.

It was the batting which let Bedfordshire down in the West Country. After being put in by Cornwall at Truro they failed to adapt to the conditions. Too many batsmen fell trying to push the score along instead of occupying the crease and seeing what total could be amassed over 50 overs.

In a limited overs competition it is a cardinal sin not to bat out your overs, but Bedfordshire were dismissed for 114 in just 40 overs. Andy Reynoldson (22) and Steve Stubbings (21) were the only real contributors.

Cornwall opener Matt Robins showed how it should have been done, batting through for an undefeated 39 as Cornwall got home by six wickets.

Bedfordshire were again put in by Devon at Bovey Tracey when a late start saw a 23-over match scheduled. Once again too many batsmen threw away their wickets with reckless shots and soon they were 10-4.

They were rescued by Reynoldson who, after taking time to have a look at the wicket, smashed four sixes in making an unbeaten 54. James Kettleborough, George Thurstance and George Arblaster chipped in and Bedfordshire reached 100-7.

This was a reasonable target given the conditions and the game was evenly poised with Devon 23-1 from 5.5 overs when further heavy rain put paid to things.

Bedfordshire make one change today from the side which took on Devon with Will Sneath coming in for Christian Davis. Dan Bendon, who replaced Chris Esh after the Cornwall match, retains his place.

The Bedfordshire team is: Oliver Clayson, Steve Stubbings, James Kettleborough, Rob Keogh, Andy Reynoldson, George Thurstance, Dan Bendon, George Arblaster, Will Sneath, Colin Griggs, Andy McGarry. Play starts at 11am and admission is free.

Latecomer Adam on track to make up for lost time

MOTORSPORT

BY MARC BAZELEY

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A LIFETIME of riding motorbikes on the road ending up paving the way for Scot Adam to take up racing them. Now the Luton biker is embarking on his biggest challenge so far in his first year in the Ducati 848 Challenge.

The 35-year-old was a latecomer to racing, having only taken it up in 2007, but after four relatively successful years on the club scene he has stepped up to try his hand in one of the country's top single-make series.

It has been a successful start for Adam, who currently lies third in the championship after the first two rounds of the series at Brands Hatch. However, it would not have been the case had he not been convinced by a friend to start racing in the first place.

"I've been riding bikes since I was four," he explains. "I'd done a few track days where you can just go and pootle around, but it wasn't until a friend suggested starting racing that I thought about it."

"I didn't really watch much bike racing when I was younger. It's not until I started riding more powerful bikes on the road that I appreciated more what they were all about."

His first year of racing in the New Era Sound of Thunder Novice series saw him take second in the championship, and in both 2010 and 2011 Adam was third overall in the Thundersport GB Supertwins.

His debut in the 848 Challenge over the Easter weekend took place in horrendous weather conditions, but after making his way up from 28th to 15th in race one, Adam claimed his maiden podium in the series in race two, having briefly led.

Quelch Racing team-mate Woolsey Coulter – a three-time North West 200 250cc category winner – was second in that race, and today they enter the final race of the next rounds at the famous Assen TT



HEAD-TO-HEAD: Scot Adam (right) overtakes on the outside at Brands Hatch

Circuit in Holland. Before leaving for his first race on the continent, Adam said: "Before the third place at Brands I was aiming to score points in each race, barring accidents or mechanical failures, by finishing in the top 15."

"But now after two races I'm third in the championship. You've got to be in it to win it and if people keep falling off in front of me then that's fine."

■ STEVE Plater was delighted to return to racing after a year out through injury and claim a third-place podium finish with the Monster Energy Yamaha Austria

team at the first round of the 2012 FIM World Endurance Championship at Magny Cours in France – the Bol d'Or 24 hour event

The four riders, Plater, Igor Jerman, Steve Martin and Gwen Giabbani completed their qualifying in fifth place and Giabbani opted to start the race for the team on Saturday afternoon.

The Monster Energy Yamaha Austria team entered into a fierce battle for position with the Yamaha GMT crew and after a gruelling 24 hours YART beat the French team to clinch third place by a margin of just 55 seconds –

an amazingly close finish after 24 hours of racing. The race was won by the SRC Kawasaki team with SERT second and YART third.)

"Conditions were far from ideal," said Plater. "It was raining then dry and then wet again and overnight the temperature dropped so it was also very cold."

"But we battled on throughout the 24 hours and Igor took the final hour on the bike and rode a blinder to bring it home in third place."

"I am happy to be back on a bike again after all this time, I have been riding a track bike but this is the first race in nearly a year and I have come through it well."

Simpkins says 'there is no team we can't beat' after sinking champions

BEDS CRICKET LEAGUE

ROB Simpkins is aiming for another all-round team performance from Dunstable Town when they host local rivals Lutonians in the Bedfordshire Cricket League Premier Division today. Their game at Lancot Park against defending champions Ampthill Town last weekend was one of only two matches that went ahead on the opening day of the season, with the hosts running out winners by five wickets after chasing down 176 with four and a half overs to spare. Skipper Simpkins was naturally

pleased with the performance and feels that his side have shown they are capable of being amongst the front runners this season.

He said: "It was a good team performance. We were able to chip away at them early on and restrict them to a get-able score."

"There weren't really any stand-out performances from anyone. It was just a good team effort with lots of scores in the 20s and 30s."

"I'd like to think we have sent a message out with that result. There aren't really any teams in the league that we don't think we can beat."

That result saw Dunstable collect 26 points out of a possible maximum of 30, giving them a big advantage over those other teams that were unable to play due to the wet weather forcing several cancellations.

Lutonians were not in action last week due to having a bye and Simpkins hopes that Dunstable can take advantage of that and continue their winning start.

"They're always one of the top teams in the division and they're usually up there at the end of the season," he said.

"They didn't play last week so hopefully they might be a bit rusty, but it's always a competitive match."

Gould expects tight title tilt

BEDS CRICKET LEAGUE

BATSMAN Dave Gould is hoping his Luton Town & Indians side are still top of the pile in the Bedfordshire Cricket League Premier Division tonight after they play host to Southill Park.

The Wardown Park side currently sit at the summit of the league after last weekend's six wicket triumph over Ickwell with just under two overs to spare on the opening day of the season.

Theirs was one of only two games in the top flight that went ahead last week after rain caused most other fixtures to be cancelled. Dunstable played in the only other game and caused an upset by beating champions Ampthill.

Luton are one point above them by virtue of claiming an extra bonus point and Gould expects the race for the top honour to be similarly slight all the way through the campaign.

"We want to win all of our games but it will be tough in this league," he said, adding: "We need all our best players out every week to be successful, but we are trying to move the club forward."

The number three batsman will also be hoping to register this week after being removed for nought last week, though team-mates Jeremy Page (40) and Mushfique Ahmed (83 not out) put on a partnership that ultimately proved pivotal in chasing Ickwell's score of 195. Play starts at 2pm.

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SPOT KICK JOY: George Pilkington scoring the penalty at Wrexham that put Luton into the Blue Square Bet Premier play-off final

by Gareth Owen

Pilks eyes end to play-off pain

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

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THE anguish of losing last year's Blue Square Bet Premier play-off final is all the stimulus George Pilkington needs to lead Luton Town past York City and back to the promised land of the Football League.

The centre back captained the Hatters in last year's edition at the City of Manchester Stadium where they suffered the heartbreak of a penalty shoot-out defeat to AFC Wimbledon.

He said: "I've never felt so bad after a football match as I did last year in Manchester.

"I don't want that feeling again, I'm sure the lads won't and that's motivation in itself to go and get the right result."

It was a Pilkington penalty that saw Luton beat Wrexham 3-2 on aggregate and book their place at next Sunday's showpiece at the home of Manchester City.

This year, however, the final returns to Wembley after last year's Champions League final saw three of four play-off deciders shunted to there and nearby Old Trafford.

The Hatters skipper is one of a select few who remain from the 2009 Johnstone's Paint Trophy final triumph at the national stadium, so the famous turf has happy memo-

ries for him. That year, club legend Kevin Nicholls wore the skipper's armband as they beat Scunthorpe United 3-2 in extra time. But the honour this time around against York will belong to Pilkington and he doesn't plan to waste it.

"We've got to rise to the occasion and get ourselves back in the Football League," he said, adding: "Every dog has its day and I think it's our turn this year."

On Thursday, after sales of 18,000 tickets – outstripping those York's by 6-1 – the Conference had to increase the club's allocation to 27,936.

That could still be increased further, with another level of the stadium being opened up should that be reached. The last time Town went to Wembley three years ago they took 40,000 supporters and Pilkington expects a repeat of the orange sea that spurred the team on to victory that day.

"It feels tremendous to get through to Wembley and give the fans a trip which they thoroughly deserve," said the 30-year-old, adding: "It will be a magnificent occasion at Wembley and will feel like a home game for us, with the fans we'll take there."

"We are very privileged to be playing for Luton Town Football Club. It's a great club, with great history and great fans."

Bobby on track for a title shot within year

BOXING

BOBBY George is on track for a title shot before the year is out, that is the belief of trainer Mervyn Turner after his next opponent was named as undefeated Polish pugilist Sylwester Walczak.

The Luton-based Bulgarian and Olympic bronze medallist is set to head the undercard of Matt Skelton's Bedford homecoming show at the Corn Exchange on Friday as he hopes to continue his impressive perfect start to the professional ranks in which he's stopped three of his five rivals.

The Shamrock fighter, real name Boris Georgiev, knocked out Phil Boyle in Sheffield last month and Turner has promised to put him in with tougher boxers to help prove his title credentials.

He said: "Bobby is in with an unbeaten fighter in Walczak who has three wins and a draw on his card so it will be a good test for him."

"We have to take one fight at a time, as you never know in boxing, but this is part of a series of fights which we hope will end up with a title shot by the end of the year."

"The way it is shaping up, we are certainly on track with Bobby. He is such a talented kid and has been working really hard to make the switch from a great amateur career to the paid ranks which I think he has done in some style."

Also on the bill are stable-mates Marco Stephenson and Duane Grimes and Turner, whose Shamrock Boxing Promotions are hosting the fight night, said: "It's going to be great for local professional boxing. Bedford and Bedfordshire has always had a great track record for producing top class boxers. All in all, the bill has shaped up well and the people of Bedfordshire are in for a really great night's entertainment, not only with a great boxing bill but with live entertainment. And with so many celebrities in attendance, it promises to be a fantastic night and we are now all really looking forward to Friday."

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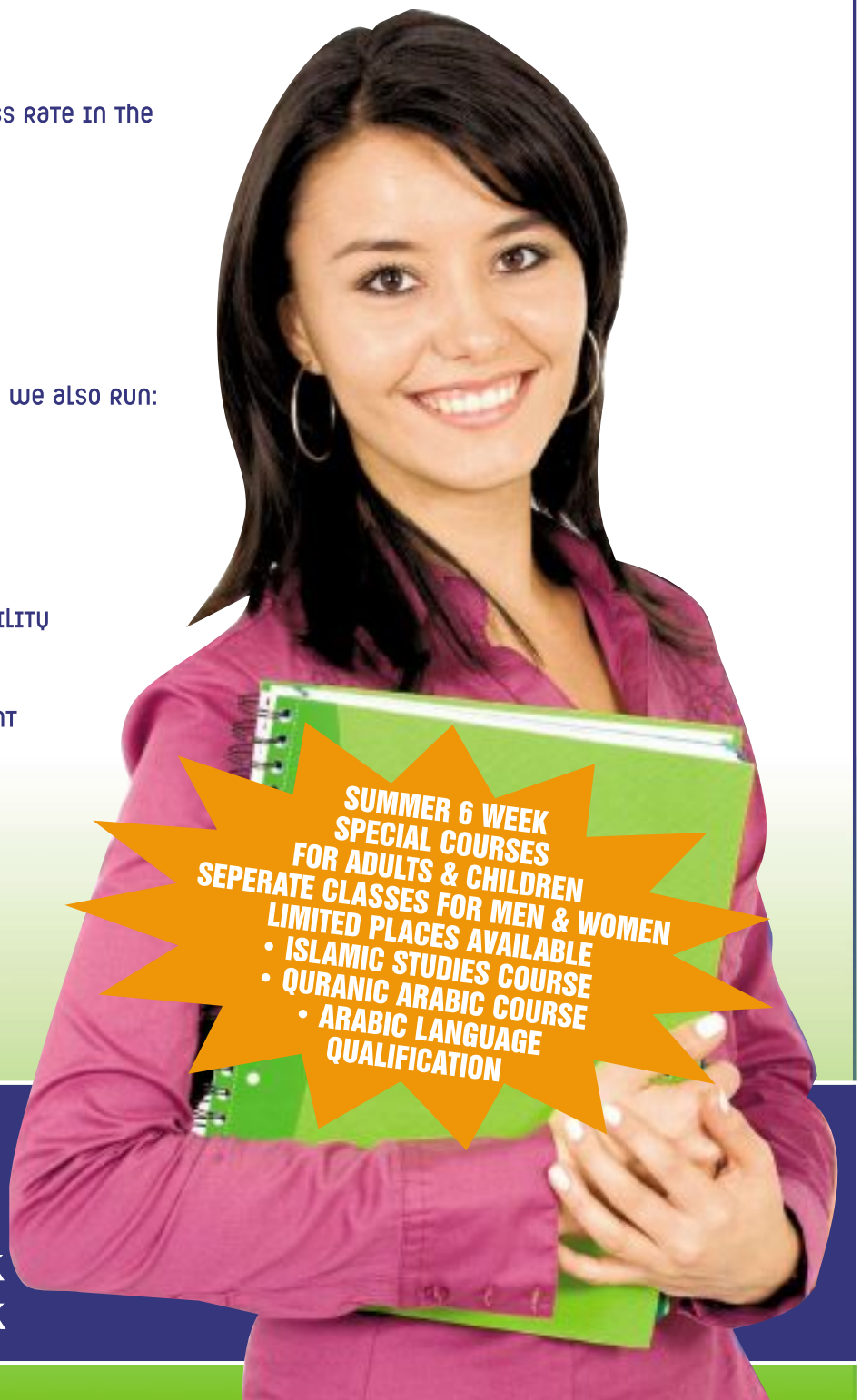
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